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THEIR VISIT UNWELCOME.

If it is true, as reported in yesterday's dispatches, that the so-called Boer peace emissaries, after being rejected in every capital of Europe, are making plans to descend upon this country during the most exciting stage of our presidential campaign, then they do not deserve even a decent reception and their untimely visit will be reprobated by every patriotic American citizen. By all that is reasonable, don't let us get to quarreling among ourselves about other people's affairs. The attempt to mix the South African war with American politics is mildly characterized as impertinent. It is properly a subject of political discussion in England, for it involves questions of governmental policy that public opinion must ultimately decide. The English, while rightly united, for the time being, in desiring the success of British arms, are by no means agreed in their judgment either upon the acts that preceded the war or upon what should follow it. But we have not to decide these questions and in the fight between Britons and Boers we are happily not called on to take sides.

To the calm observer this is a war that seems to justify the attitude of the woman in the story in the fight between her husband and the bear. Whether one's sympathies lean toward the Britons or the Boers must depend largely upon personal temperament and affiliations. Theoretically, of course, we all sympathize with a "republic" that is supposed to be battling bravely for its independence. When we come to learn something of what this so-called republic is, in which a majority of the white inhabitants, who furnished nearly all the revenue, not only are excluded from any representation in the state but are not even protected in person or property by the small group of medieval peasants who constitute the government, our theoretical sympathies very materially cool.

There are a good many parallels in the history of the Transvaal and of Utah. The Mormons, feeling themselves persecuted, went out into the wilderness to found an independent state. They were a brave, frugal, industrious and devoted people, and all they asked was to be let alone. They adopted every possible means, proper

or improper, to keep out the Gentiles, and to suppress their influence. But they could not, and it became necessary to send an army among them to compel them to let the Gentiles alone. The Boers made their great trek into the wilderness in defense of the right of every man "to wallop his own neighbor." It was over questions of slavery and the treatment of natives that their troubles with the British began and were for a long time maintained. Later came the influx of Outlanders into their territory and the agitation for political rights that led to the present rupture. British official blunders and crimes may even up the moral account, but they cannot make the cause of Boer civilization one that appeals strongly to the spirit of American liberty.

Of course the professional Anglophobe finds this a fitting occasion to abuse perfidious Albion, and no doubt antipathy to England has much more to do with expressions of sympathy with the Boers than any consideration of their merits or demerits. Everybody is free to think and feel and sympathize as he will, but public agitation on the one side invites counter-agitation until we find ourselves foolishly embroiled in matters that need not concern us, except as intelligent citizens of the world. In our politics certainly it is still essential, as Washington observed, "that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded," since the nation that indulges them "is in some degree a slave."

THE TRUST PROBLEM.

While contrary to the general acceptance, the experience of some of the greatest trust organizations in this country develops the fact, long understood by economic students, that the trust thrives best when conditions of trade are depressed and the buying and producing capacity of the people are at the lowest ebb. In the past six months of unusual business activity, with the buying and producing capacity of the people at the highest notch, some of the strongest trusts have fallen into difficulties which were before unknown. The great flour trust has gone into complete bankruptcy, because it was found that no flour trust could be formed big enough to prevent competition. The sugar trust, also, but a few weeks ago was compelled to reduce its dividends one-half for a similar reason. The wire nail and steel combination, within the last few days, has been obliged to suspend operations in nearly one-half of the mills it operates, on account of the lack of demand occasioned by the activity of its competitors, and its stock has fallen below par on the stock market. People are asking which of the trusts will be next to go into a receiver's hands or to reduce dividends. There is nothing about these indications that trusts are subject to the same relentless inexorable business laws that furnish of refuse success to individuals and ordinary firms in business life that should surprise any thoughtful man. Combining a dozen firms or corporations into one under the name of a trust does not change the laws and principles under which business success must be achieved. Big dividends earned as a result of a temporary suppression of competition only invite other big aggregations of capital into the same business, and the new competitors always enter the field with the advantage of using the newest and most economical methods of production and without a dollar tied up in outdated and unproductive plant or machinery.

The germ of final failure to most industrial trust aggregations lies in the dead and inflated capitalization of these concerns. Invention has introduced and is still introducing new economies into the refining of sugar, the making of steel, flour and other articles of trust manipulation. It follows that at any given time there is a large amount of dead capital in each of these industries invested in out of date and useless construction. A trust combination in either of these industries means the issue of shares to cover all of this non-productive capital, and in many instances a liberal addition of water besides. The moment a new concern, capitalized on a sound basis and employing only the newest and most productive methods, takes the field the trust aggregation is at a disadvantage, and sooner or later must absorb its new rival or go to the wall.

It is becoming very evident that the trusts are not such a menace to legitimate individual business enterprise as many have supposed. Trusts are a new development and a very few of

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them have been in existence long enough to demonstrate their ultimate effect upon business methods. A sufficient number have come to grief, however, to show that they are not above and beyond the influence of the economic laws that have been in force for centuries. The trust idea is new, but the laws which govern successful business enterprise are as old as civilized humanity, and the trusts can no more escape their operation than water can run up hill.

AGAIN WE NEED DEWEY.

Philadelphia Times:

Admiral Dewey made a great mistake in announcing himself as a presidential candidate at a wrong time. His ill-advisers have done him serious injury; but fortuitous events again favor him. Though wanting in political sagacity, Admiral Dewey possesses adequate courage and diplomatic ability of a high order. In matters that concern himself, individually, he needs counsel, but in state affairs, affecting the honor and destiny of the American people, he is a giant among men.

His hour has come again, just as it did that May morn'g of Cavite!

The Sultan of Turkey, the effete ruler of that dead nation in a dying land, has repudiated his pledges made to the United States. He owes an acknowledged debt that he does not pay. The high sheriff of the republic must be put upon his track and levy must be made of goods and chatties to satisfy the bond. In plain language, we must send a fleet to the Golden Horn, where such poor indemnity for the blood of massacred Americans as money shall be demanded and enforced. "The incomparable Dewey," of all living Americans, can do this and return with the money. He is the man for the mission. It seeks him. Again will he uplift the cause of humanity. He who humbled the butchering Spaniards will complete the effacement of "the unspeakable Turk."

The importance of this step as emphasizing the position of the United States as a world power is incalculable. First of all, it will subject to real test the much-vaunted friendship of England. The civilized world has not forgotten how the Union Jack floated from the mastsheads of a score of British ironclads off the mouth of the Dardanelles during the terrible winter of 1877-78, when Russia was avenging the massacres of the Christians of Bulgaria and how those same ships moved into the Sea of Marmora when the hosts of the Czar encamped in sight of the minarets of Constantinople. England was the Turk's only friend in all the world. Had Russia been allowed her way, the Armenian murders never would have occurred. England is, therefore, indirectly responsible for the perpetuation of the hateful monarchy that sanctions outrage and murder.

France is now loud in proclaiming love for the United States. Her people will see in the humiliation of the Turk a blow at her hated neighbor across the channel.

Russia will be complacent, but inwardly gleeful. Every blow dealt to the Sultan's rule renders the final and inevitable task easier for her. In our turn, the American people haven't forgotten how the Union Jack floated from the mastsheads of a score of British ironclads off the mouth of the Dardanelles during the terrible winter of 1877-78, when Russia was avenging the massacres of the Christians of Bulgaria and how those same ships moved into the Sea of Marmora when the hosts of the Czar encamped in sight of the minarets of Constantinople. England was the Turk's only friend in all the world. Had Russia been allowed her way, the Armenian murders never would have occurred. England is, therefore, indirectly responsible for the perpetuation of the hateful monarchy that sanctions outrage and murder.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Proposals for fresh beef and mutton: Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, April 3, 1900. Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and fresh mutton for six months beginning July 1, 1900, will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Oregon; Boise Barracks, Wallace and Camp Osborn, Idaho; Forts Casey, Flieger, Walla Walla, Wright and Vancouver barracks, Wash., and Skagway, Fort Wrangle and Valdez, Alaska, until 11 a. m., May 3, 1900, and then opened. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Fresh Mutton," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Major James N. Allison, Chief Commissary.



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gotten the fleet that steamed into New York harbor in the darkest days of the civil war, when embroilment with present friends, the English, over the Trent affair would have meant the division of the republic. Russia will be glad to know that Admiral Dewey is entrusted with a mission of such far-reaching importance because she knows him to be a man unaffected by German bluster and tried in personal courage. "The possession of Constantinople is the dominion of the world," Napoleon said so, and he was a man who knew what he said.

Here, then, is Dewey's great opportunity. His presidential aspirations will be passed over for the moment, but when he returns triumphantly from a mission that will create new alliances and new phases of the Eastern question, they may be recalled to practical and profitable purpose.

Then, admiral, you can indeed be president of the republic of the world.

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Some men adore their wives because it is either that or starvation.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says: "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Charles Rogers.

A faint heart is considered an easy mark for the leap year girl.

J. E. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says: "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Charles Rogers.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Believes at once. Charles Rogers.

The ice cream season was no doubt invented for spoony lovers.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. Charles Rogers.

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When a matrimonial match is struck, some one usually gets burned.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyne, Mich., says: "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia, lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol dyspepsia cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. Charles Rogers.

When wealth comes in at the window, the poverty-stricken lover is kicked out at the back door.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Charles Rogers.

Flattery is the key that will open the majority of feminine hearts.

THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Astoria intend to improve Thirty-eighth street in that part of the city of Astoria laid out and recorded by John Adair and generally known as Adair's Astoria, from a point fifteen feet south of the north line of Duane street to the south line of Harrison avenue, by grading said portion of said street to the established grade to the width of thirty feet through the center thereof, and planking the same when graded with sound fir plank, either red or yellow of three inches in thickness and twelve inches wide, laid upon stringers, to the width of sixteen feet through the center of said portion of said street, with the construction of such culverts as may be necessary to permit the surface water to pass under such portion of said street so improved. Said improvement is to be a construction in matter of detail and material to be used, except as hereinbefore provided, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 190, of the city of Astoria, entitled, "An Ordinance in Relation to the Improvement of Streets," which was approved the 3rd day of January, 1900, and strictly in accordance with the specifications therefor to be filed with the auditor and police judge of the said city by the city surveyor.

The costs and expenses of said improvement, excepting street crossings, shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, lands and premises fronting upon and adjacent to said portion of said street proposed to be improved, and such other lands as in the opinion of the council will be benefited by said improvement, which said lands and premises which will be benefited by said improvement are hereby included within a special assessment district to be assessed pro rata to defray the costs and expenses of said improvement, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of block number twenty-one (21) in said Adair's Astoria, and running thence south to the southwest corner of block forty-five (45), thence east to the southeast corner of block forty-six (46), thence north to the northeast corner of block twenty-two (22), thence west to the place of beginning and containing all of blocks 21, 22, 23, 24, 45 and 46, all in Adair's port of Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, as laid out and recorded by John Adair.

This notice is published for eight successive days in pursuance to a resolution duly adopted by the common council of the city of Astoria, on the 16th day of April, 1900, the date of the first publication of this notice being on Friday, April 20, 1900.

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Walla Walla, Spokane, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East.

From Astoria  
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For San Francisco—Sail Apr. 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28

Columbia River  
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To Portland and Way Landings.

7 a. m.  
Ex Sunday

From Portland  
WILLAMETTE RIVER  
Oregon City, Newberg, Salem & Way-Land's.

6 a. m.  
Ex Sunday

Willamette and Yamhill Rivers  
Oregon City, Dayton, and Way Landings.

7 a. m.  
Tues, Thurs and Sat.

Riparia  
Leave daily  
1:30 a. m.

Snake River.  
Riparia to Lewiston.  
Leave daily  
8:30 a. m.

4 a. m.  
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4:30 p. m.  
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